

Transportation Cabinet Offers Innovative Safety Program for 15-Passenger Van Drivers

A new driver safety program which serves those who need to operate 15-passenger vans was recently implanted by the Transportation Cabinet. The Cabinet is now offering this comprehensive online driver safety program in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Center and the National Safety Council.

The new course, "Coaching the Van Driver II", highlights the differences between vans and cars and teaches drivers how to compensate for those differences. The course focuses on such basics as backing and blind spots, as well as safe stopping points, and drop off procedures when transporting passengers.

Participation in this training program is mandatory for any state employee who drives one of the state fleet's 15-passenger vans. In fact, after January 31, 2006, no state employee will be permitted to drive a 15-passenger van without having completed the course.

"Coaching the Van Driver II" is also offered to local government employees, consultant and contractor personnel, colleges, churches, and the general public. "This particular driver safety program narrows the focus of driver education to those who need to use these larger vehicles," said Secretary Nighbert. "In more than one sense, we're thinking **large** here, and not just in terms of the size of the vehicle. We're thinking of the extent



to which this course will affect overall public safety as a result of strengthening skills for all drivers of large vans."

Registration for this online driver safety program is available at http://kyt2.com/van_driver_coaching_program.htm.

For more information please contact the Kentucky Transportation Center (Ms. Patsy Anderson or Ms. Martha Horseman) by calling 800/432-0719 or (859) 257-4513. You may also submit registration by mail: Kentucky Transportation Center, Technology Transfer, 176 Raymond Bldg., Lexington, KY 40506-0281.

KYTC's One-Stop Shop Serves 50,000th Customer



L to R: Sherman Bowman, coordinator of the One-Stop Shop, Patricia and Ronald Herald, and Deputy Commissioner of Vehicle Regulation Sonia Sanders

On December 20, Ronald Herald of Florence, Kentucky became the One-Stop Shop's 50,000th customer. Ronald and his wife, Patricia, were visiting the shop for the first time. When they came in to pick up a title for a motorcycle, they were informed that Ronald was "customer number 50,000."

The One-Stop Shop serves approximately 130 customers a day since its doors opened in February of 2004.

The One-Stop Shop is equipped with some of the latest equipment in technology and staff from three divisions: Driver Licensing, Motor Carriers and Motor Vehicle Licensing. The general public can do all vehicle-related business transactions at this one location.